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> Re: **Oral Ex Parte Presentation** CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the abovecaptioned proceeding. On Thursday, January 30.2003. David LaFuria and Rick Morrow met with Christopher Libertelli in Chairman Michael Powell's office on behalf of Virginia Cellular, LLC ("Virginia Cellular"). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Virginia Cellular's application for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") status in the state of Virginia.

Inaccordance with the Commission'srules, two copies of this letterare enclosed for inclusion in the Commission's docket file.

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If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely.

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